A team--and a family--of adventurers, explorers and imaginauts, the Fantastic Four lead lives both ordinary--and extraordinary!

Reed Richards' former love Alyssa Castle re-enters his life to bring him to Nu-World, a project she and her husband have developed as an exact replica of the planet Earth to be inhabited when our world dies...and their calculations only give us thirty more years. Johnny is having his standard girl trouble, and decides to break up with Psionics, the super-villain he's been supposedly casually dating. Little does he know, she and her father, Lightwave, are members of the New Defenders, who have hunted down and captured Doctor Doom after he came to the Fantastic Four seeking asylum. Nice work, Johnny! Meanwhile, things at home seem to be back under control after Sue hires a new nanny to take care of the kids...but Mrs. Deneuve has a secret, and it has something to do with Valeria...

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BEN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T PARK HERE. WE'RE RIGHT OUTSIDE THE ED SULLIVAN THEATER.
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SURE WE CAN, DEBS. AFTER WE SAVED THE CITY A BUNCHA TIMES, THE MAYOR BEFORE LAST GAVE US A BADGE THAT LETS US PARK ANYWHERE.

THAT'S ALL YOU GOT? AFTER SAVING NEW YORK FROM DOCTOR DOOM AND THE SUPER-SKRULL?
DON'T KNOCK IT, BOBBY-BOY. I FIGURE THAT BADGE MUSTA SAVED ME THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED BUCKS BY NOW.

MISTER GRIMM! MISTER GRIMM! OVER HERE!
HEY, FOLKS! HOW YA DOIN'?
IS IT COOL IF WE TAKE A PICTURE?

BE MY GUEST...BUT YA CAN'T HAVE TH' BEAST WITHOUT BEAUTY, RIGHT? THIS LITTLE LADY'S CALLED DEBBIE GREEN AN' SHE'S TH' LOVE O' MY LIFE!
BEN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I HATE HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN!

WELL, YA BETTER GET USED TO IT, HONEY-BUN.
WHAT IF THE KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL SEE THIS? WHAT IF WE END UP ON TV?
WE'LL BE THE COOLEST TEACHERS THEY EVER HAD. NOW SHUT UP AND SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS, DEBBIE. THIS IS THE GREATEST DOUBLE-DATE OF ALL TIME.

HOSPITALITY ROOM'S DOWNSTAIRS ON THE LEFT, MISTER. UH, THING.
AWESOME! IS JOHNNY DOWN THERE WITH THE BAND?
NO, I'M AFRAID DARLING JOHNNY IS STILL FORTY MINUTES AWAY. APPARENTLY, TWO PLAYBOY CENTERFOLDS WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BIGGEST BREAK OF HIS CAREER.

I TOLD YOU, MIGUEL. I WAS VISITING LEUKEMIA PATIENTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN! MAN, WHY DOES NOBODY BELIEVE I DO STUFF LIKE THIS?
BECAUSE THE TWINS ALREADY POSTED PICTURES ON THEIR WEB-SITE, JOHNNY...
FLAME ONE

...NOW DITCH THE CAR AND GET DOWN TO THE STUDIO. IF YOU FLY YOU CAN BE HERE IN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES. THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR MAKEUP AND SOUND.

ARE YOU NUTS? I CAN'T JUST PARK A HUNDRED GRAND CAR. WHAT IF SOMEBODY SCRATCHES IT? WHAT IF SOME FAT CHICK BREATHES ON IT AND JINXES ME?

JOHNNY, THIS IS RED-BEARD, DUDE. YOU EITHER GET HERE IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES OR WE GET OURSELVES A NEW LEAD-SINGER. HARVEY'S MORE THAN WILLING.
YEAH, WELL, TELL HARVEY HE'S A FRIGGIN' JUDAS.
CREW
OKAY, I'LL DITCH THE CAR. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THOSE GIRLS WERE VERY, VERY ILL WHEN I...
THE NAME'S LIGHTWAVE, JOHNNY.
WHAT THE HELL?

PUCKER UP.

SUE MEETS ALYSSA FOR DINNER:

SUE! THANKS FOR COMING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. I'VE JUST BEEN READING ABOUT YOUR SUPER HERO CHARITY.
IS IT TRUE YOU'VE RAISED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR ALL THOSE FAMILIES THE HULK MADE HOMELESS?
FIFTY-FIVE, ACTUALLY... THOUGH IT'S ALL SLOWED DOWN SINCE THE DOOM THING HAPPENED.

WHAT'S THE LATEST ON THAT? DO THEY HAVE ANY IDEA WHO KIDNAPPED HIM YET?
NOT A CLUE. REED'S BEEN GOING OVER THE SECURITY TAPES, BUT IT'S LIKE HE'S DISAPPEARED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH. THAT'S NOTHING IN ALMOST TEN DAYS.

NO BAD THING.
I'M SORRY, BUT WHATEVER HAPPENED TO VICTOR VON DOOM IS JUST KARMA CATCHING UP WITH HIM.
DO YOU THINK WE COULD GET TO THE POINT HERE, ALYSSA?
EXCUSE ME?
PLEASE. WE'RE HARDLY FRIENDS.

IT'S TED AND THIS SECOND EARTH WE'VE BEEN BUILDING. HE WAS LYING ABOUT SAVING EVERYONE. THE EARTH-TRUST WAS STARTED TO SAVE THE WORLD'S ELITE.
WHAT?

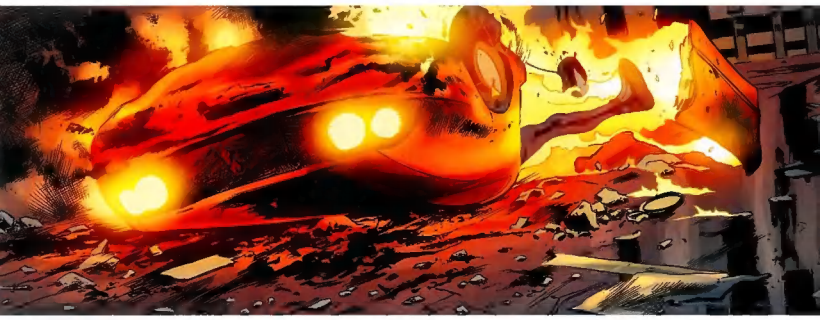
IT'S ONLY BEING BUILT FOR THE POLITICIANS AND THE SUPER-RICH, HALF A MILLION PEOPLE TO START THE HUMAN RACE AGAIN.
EVERYONE ELSE...THE REST OF THE WORLD... IS BEING LEFT HERE TO ROT.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS INSTEAD OF REED?
BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT FOR BEING FOOLED. AND, TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK REED LIKES ME MUCH ANYMORE.

YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP. I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL A NOBLE MISSION, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THEIR PLANS, SUE.
THEIR DISDAIN FOR PEOPLE. IT'S LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A MOVIE.

SO EXPOSE THEM. JUST BLOW THE THING WIDE OPEN.
THIS IS PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THE HEADS OF ALL OUR T.V. STATIONS AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

WHO DO I CALL?



CINDY! YOU FRIGGIN' BUNNY-BOILER...
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE'S CAR TRASHED JUST BECAUSE THEY DUMPED YOU! THIS IS COMPLETELY INSANE!
OH, JOHNNY. IT'S ALWAYS ALL ABOUT YOU, ISN'T IT?

AAGH!!

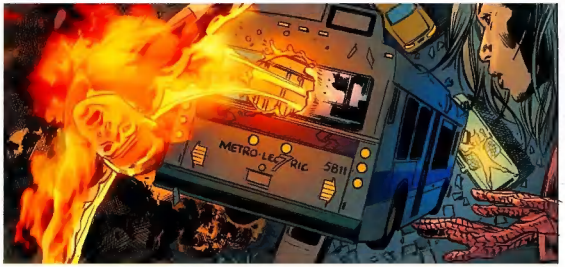
WHUH?
STAND BACK, BABY. I GOT HIM.
SONY
KE DEPT

REMEMBER NOT TO HURT HIM, DAD. DOCTOR BANNER WANTED THIS NICE AND CLEAN.
DOCTOR BANNER AND HIS DEFENDERS CAN GO TO HELL, HONEY. THIS LITTLE PUNK HAD YOU CRYING, REMEMBER?

MAN, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU WANT US TO GET YOU AN AMBULANCE OR SOMETHING?
NO, PLEASE. JUST CALL THE COPS AND GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE. I DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING HURT HERE.

NOBLE. I LIKE IT.
THE HERO THING SUITS YOU, JOHNNY.
C'MON, SON. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT.
HUH?
WHERE'D HE GO?
OVER HERE.
WHAT?
I TRIED TO BE NICE. I REALLY DID. BUT YOU GUYS ARE JUST NUTS.

MAN, THIS HAS TO BE MY THIRD-WORST BREAKUP EVER!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WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE HOODED MAN.
OKAY.
LET'S GET THIS CLOWN BACK TO BASE.

THE NEW DEFENDERS' SECRET BASE
DOOM! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE? WHO ARE THESE GUYS? WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH US? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

OH, HE CAN HEAR YOU, JOHNNY. HE'S JUST CHOOSING TO IGNORE YOU. I THINK HIS PRIDE'S BEEN HURT. SUBDUED BY A TEAM HE BARELY EVEN RECOGNIZES.
IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, NATALIE X IS THE MOST POWERFUL PSYCHIC ON THE PLANET, VICTOR. IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. SHE'S CAUGHT BIGGER FISH THAN YOU.

HULK?
WHAT ARE YOU PRATTLING ABOUT?

THIS MACHINE WE'RE BUILDING NEEDS REAL POWER FOR THE JOB THAT LIES AHEAD. YOU GUYS ARE GOOD, BUT OUR MAIN BATTERY CAN BE FOUND DOWN THERE, RIGHT BENEATH YOUR FEET.

OH MY GOD.